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REMARKS

In view of the above re-submission of the "Amendment to the Claims" section of Applicants' Amendment of Nov. 18, 2004, it is respectfully believed that the Amendment is now compliant.

Further, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims 12-16, 19-20 and 21-27 and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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